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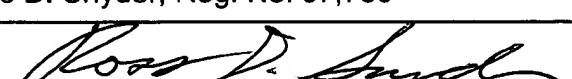
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of 10/23/2003, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-10, 13, and 17-19. The Examiner has objected to claims 2-4 and 14-16. The Examiner has allowed claims 11, 12, 20, and 21. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-10 and 13-19.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-10, 13, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Han et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,222,844). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Regarding claims 1, 9, 13, and 18, Applicant submits that the written disclosure of Han teaches away from the claimed invention. For example, Figs. 6 and 7 of Han et al. illustrate a process including step S102 "to verify an input parameter distinguished into Mandatory and Optional," (col. 7, lines 17 and 18) wherein the "Optional parameter appoints an upper layer protocol form (Transparent, Translation)" (col. 7, lines 26 and 27) and step S113 "to output the message about that the frame relay connection registration has completed to system console" (col. 8, lines 36-38) and, "[a]t this time, to output VPI/VCI and PCR corresponded to the inputted parameter and frame relay connection, to end the frame relay connection registration process" (col. 8, lines 38-41). Figs. 8-10 of Han et al. illustrate a process including step S203 "to confirm VPI/VCI and PCR, retrieving the frame relay connection information shown in Fig. 3(c)" (col. 8, lines 56-58) and step S210, as cited by the Examiner, wherein